

## **COVID PROTOCOLS**

COVID-19 has presented many challenges since March 2020, and while we have learned a lot, we know this is an evolving situation, and we have to be flexible. We will be constantly monitoring our circumstances here at St. Peter's School and will keep families informed, including by sending weekly dashboards regarding positive cases/quarantine numbers.

We are currently revising the "Reopening of Schools" plan from the 2020-2021 school year to reflect updated protocols; it will be a working document, subject to revision. In the meantime,

Highlights:

1. For the present time, anyone entering the school building **must** wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. This includes staff, teachers, students, and volunteers. It will apply to all grade levels, including ECLC and Pre-K. When on campus during drop-off and pick-up, unless remaining in vehicle, everyone must be masked. We will evaluate frequently!
2. We will continue to maintain cohorts around our homeroom assignments during the school day, recess, lunch, and special classes. Recess time will be re-evaluated the week of Labor Day.
3. If students or teachers are required to quarantine either because of an exposure in school or outside school, teachers will provide a plan for at-home learning, which will utilize the technology we used last year on an as-needed basis. Because we are not offering remote learning as a primary means of delivering education this year as we did last year, teachers are developing contingency plans that will be based on grade level and learning needs.
4. All volunteers will be asked to provide vaccination status prior to entering the building. We strongly encourage any volunteers to be fully vaccinated before entering the building.
5. Parents or caregivers should monitor their children every morning for COVID-19 symptoms. **Students who are sick should not attend school.** CDC currently defines symptoms for not attending school as the following:
  - Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
  - Sore throat
  - Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
  - Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
  - Diarrhea or vomiting
  - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Parents or caregivers should contact the school nurse at 816.523.4899 or via email at [nurse@stpeterskc.org](mailto:nurse@stpeterskc.org) to determine when students who experience a COVID-19 symptom may return to school. We will generally follow guidance set forth by the

CDC and the Kansas City Health Department for determining when students can return to school in person. Quarantining can have significant impacts on large groups of students and families, which is why it is vital that parents and caregivers do not send any student to school if he or she has one or more of these symptoms and advise the school nurse immediately.

As with last year, our guidelines have been developed based on local and federal public health guidance, including local mandates, CDC recommendations, and Children's Mercy. Levels of community transmission remain high in both Jackson County and Kansas City. We will continue to monitor developments in public health guidance and adjust our policies accordingly.

Based on everyone's commitment to school safety last year, we were successful in delivering in-person learning without any known cases of community spread within the school. With continued commitment by our community, we hope to have similar success in the 2021-2022 school year.